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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Transport of samples

Transmitted by the Expert from the United States of America

Background

1. In relation to the new paragraph 2.0.4.1 regarding the transport of samples (see annex 2 to the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its thirteenth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26/Add.2), paragraph 2.0.4.1), the expert from the United States proposes that the text be amended so that substances transported under N.O.S. descriptions are exempted from the requirement to provide technical names in accordance with special provision 274. In the case of samples, compliance with special provision 274 is frequently impracticable as often, the names of constituents are unknown.

Proposal

2. Amend paragraph 2.0.4.1 by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

"When an N.O.S. entry is used to transport the sample, the proper shipping name need not be supplemented with the technical name as required by special provision 274."